

Sermon Outline  
April 5, 2026

Risen to Bring Joy  
Matthew 28:1-10  
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"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

CS Lewis

Five Things the Bible Says About Joy

1. Jesus came so that our joy would be full

*These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*

John 15:11

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*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...*

Galatians 5:22

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*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.*

James 1:2-3

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4. Heaven is filled with joy

*Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*

Luke 15:7

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5. Joy is our strength

*The joy of the Lord is your strength.*

Nehemiah 8:10

Five Reasons the Resurrection of Jesus Brings Joy

1. Because the resurrection proves Jesus is God

*So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and **great joy**, and ran to tell his disciples.*

Matthew 28:8

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*Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a **ransom for all**.*

1 Timothy 2:5-6

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*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God**.*

John 1:12

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4. Because the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead **dwells in you**.*

Romans 8:11

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3. Because the resurrection means we belong to an eternal family
4. Because the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us
5. The resurrection of Jesus means God writes our final chapter

*You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow **will turn into joy**... So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.*

John 16:20, 22

“God may design some chapters in our lives to be long and delightful; others, far too short, and sometimes painful. But we only see the meaning of our story when it fits into the context of a bigger, far greater story of Jesus Christ himself.”

Joni Eareckson Tada

*For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard **did not benefit them**, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.*

Mark 14:7